



SHERBORNE ABBEY with CASTLETON,
SAINT PAUL'S, LILLINGTON and
LONGBURTON

*To know God and to make Him known
in wonder, love and praise*

Founded by St Aldhelm AD 705

Sunday 29 January 2023 – 4th Sunday of Epiphany/ Presentation of Christ in the Temple

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Martin Lee
	Deacon:	The Reverend Robert Green

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Hebrews Ch 2: v 14 – end; Luke Ch 2: v 22 - 40

Hymns: 263, 44, 187 (387), 336

6.00 pm Choral Evensong Official: The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH Celebrant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
11.15 am BCP Holy Communion Preacher: The Reverend Jim Edie

LILLINGTON CHURCH Official: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
10.00 am Morning Service Preacher: The Reverend Jim Edie

LONGBURTON CHURCH
4.00 pm Songs of Praise Official: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON Leader: Sue Hawkett
10.30 am Morning Worship Speaker: John Crossman

The Abbey - Weekday Services

Every Monday – Saturday at 8.30 am – Morning Prayer - The Sepulchre Chapel

Every Monday at 9.00 am – CW Holy Communion - The Lady Chapel

Every Tuesday at 12 noon – CW Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

Every Wednesday at 10.30 am – Holy Communion with Homily – The Sepulchre Chapel
(alternates CW and BCP)

Every Thursday at 12 noon – BCP Holy Communion - The Lady Chapel

Every Friday at 9.00 am – Ecumenical Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

1st Friday of the month at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel - (next service on Friday 3 February 2023).

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 17 Feb 2023.)

Every Saturday at 9.00 am – CW Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

Sunday 5 February 2023 – 3rd Sunday before Lent

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6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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LILLINGTON CHURCH

10.00 am Family Service	Officiant:	The Reverend Hugh Bonsey
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LongBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Village Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Lesley McCreadie
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON

10.30 am Morning Worship	Leader:	Sandra Cutting
	Speaker:	The Reverend Jim Edie

Thought for the Day

Today we celebrate the feast of The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, also known as Candlemas. As Mary and Joseph took Jesus into the Temple, they were first met by the old prophet Simeon, who took the child into his arms and recognising Jesus to be the light of the world, he declared to God that now he had seen the light of the world he could die, for he was fulfilled. These words are a daily part of Evensong with the words of the canticle below.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:

according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen:

thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared:

before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Israel

They also encountered Anna, another of the temple community, who had come that day to do her duty and observed the greatness and the wonder of the child Jesus.

So, what, I wonder, does this say to us this day? I might suggest that the parents of the child came, as was the tradition, to offer him to God according to the rites of Jewish tradition and custom and they might have taken certain animals according to wealth and offered them in sacrifice. Mary who walked the human journey of Jesus right to the very end of his life, was so taken by the old prophet Simeon, she cherished his words and at the foot of the cross would not only have remembered his words but would note that her Son was now the sacrifice to pay for all our sins. Upon that cross he paid the price for the sins of humanity. It was an act of jealousy and of feeling threatened by Jesus that took him to that place. And there he hung upon a cross of suffering.

Simeon referred to Jesus as the one to be a light to lighten the Gentiles. We often refer to Jesus as the Light of the World, hence today becoming known as Candlemas; the light of the candle burning brightly reminds us of Jesus shining his light before us.

So may we, today, firstly look and follow the light shining before us and continue to ask of ourselves what might we bring to him. The shepherds brought themselves and wise men brought expensive gifts; maybe we need to bring to him ourselves, with an open heart, arms outstretched and a willingness to serve.

The Reverend Martin Lee

Notices

Visiting Hours: The Abbey is open to visitors on Mondays to Saturdays (8.00 am – 5.00 pm) and on Sundays (11.00 am – 5.00 pm). The Abbey may close when private services are taking place. (*School Service on Sunday 29 January 2023 (11.30 am). Orchestra rehearsal on Wednesday 8 February 2023 (2.00 pm).*)

Organ Recitals: On Mondays at 1.30 pm, free entry, retiring collection, all welcome:

Monday 30 January 2023 - James Henderson, Director of Music, Sherborne Abbey

Monday 6 February 2023 – Paul Ellis, Organist Emeritus, Sherborne Abbey

Monday 13 February 2023 – *No recital*

Monday 20 February 2023 – Simon Clarkson, Yeovil

Abbey Choir: Advertisements will shortly be appearing for the recruitment of boy choristers for the Abbey Choir, and girl choristers for the new Abbey Girls' Choir that starts this month. Should anyone have friends and relatives whose children would be interested in auditioning for either choir, please put them in touch with me. Leaving a paper note in the Parish Office or emailing james.henderson@sherborneabbey.com are the best ways of making contact.

Service Music: *Parish Eucharist:* Missa Aeterna Christi munera, Palestrina; Omnes de saba venient, Handl; When to the temple Mary went, Eccard; Nolo mortem peccatoris; Hymns: 263, 44, 187 (387), 336. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: O nata lux, Tallis; Responses: Smith; Psalm: 84, Smart; Canticles: D Bairstow in D; Anthem: When to the temple Mary went, Eccard; Hymns: 187 (387), 381.

James Henderson, Director of Music

Visiting Choir: *In Ecclesia*, a visiting choir, is singing both services in the Abbey on Sunday 12 February 2023 (whilst the Abbey Choir has a week off), and also will be singing Choral Evensong on Saturday 11 February 2023 at 5.00 pm. Music by Stanford, Blair and Berkeley.

Mothers' Union: The MU will see in the New Year with their AGM and a celebration of the Eucharist on Friday 27 January 2023 from 10.00 am until midday in the Griffiths Room at the Digby Memorial Church Hall.

Jo Higgs, MU Secretary

Snowdrop Remembrance & Thanksgiving Service: On Friday 3 February 2023 at 11.00 am at the Church of the Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm, Westbury, Sherborne. An opportunity to remember loved ones and add a name to the Sherborne Book of Remembrance. Refreshments available.

Sherborne Churches Together

Julian Group: This is not a prayer group – just an opportunity to share half-an-hour's silence and meditation with fellow Christians and let God speak to us. The meetings are ecumenical. It is very refreshing. Why not give it a try? The next meeting is on Wednesday 8 February 2023 in St. Johns' Almshouse Chapel from 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm.

Shirley Fry (01935 389124)

Sherborne Schools' Choral Society Concert: On Wednesday 8 February 2023 at 7.30 pm in Sherborne Abbey. *Mendelssohn's Elijah* with the massed forces of some 170 singers drawn from the local community, Sherborne School and Sherborne Girls. Conductor: Dan Marks; Soprano: Sarah-Jane Morris; Alto: Susan Legg; Tenor: Andrew Morris; Bass: Peter Grevatt. Tickets £15.00, £12.00 & £10.00 from 01935 812249 or tickets@sherborne.org.

Taize Service: Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music - 2nd Sunday of the month at 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Everyone welcome – please join us. The next service is on Sunday 12 February 2023. This informal, ecumenical service is based on the Taize Community's worship founded by Br Roger in the 1940's in Burgundy, France, now attracting thousands of young people each summer. Taize music has become part of the worshipping life of churches worldwide. More details email: vicarlesley@outlook.com. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

Shrove Lunch: The lunch will be held in the Digby Memorial Hall on Sunday 19 February 2023, 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm. Please get your tickets from the Parish Office in good time so the cooks have plenty of notice for catering purposes - it really does help and saves unnecessary waste. Tickets cost £10.00 (adults)/£5.00 (children) to include beef & ale casserole (vegetarian alternative), lemon sponge pudding, wine, soft drinks, tea & coffee. There will be a raffle to boost funds and this year's Lent Projects will be announced. Please bring any raffle contributions to the Parish Office. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you at the lunch. *Frances Walker*

Longburton Village Café: Held in the village church of St James, the café provides tea, coffee (free refills) and great cakes, for just £2.00 and will be open on Tuesdays 31 January, 14 & 28 February 2023 from 10.30 am until noon. *The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

Coffee Helpers: Coffee is served after the 9.30am Eucharist on Sunday mornings and additional help is once again being sought. I am asking for people to help once a month. I will help anyone willing through the process on the first occasion. Please speak to me after the service or leave a message in the Parish Office. Many thanks. *Hilary Pearce*

FIAC: FIAC has just sent £4,500.00 to support St Saviour's Anglican Church in Riga, Latvia, where they are suffering even more than us at the moment, with the additional threat of a long land border with Russia and its proximity to Kaliningrad. Please pray for the minister, Reverend Eliza Zikmane (who visited us in 2022) and her congregation as they witness to God's love through their church work and their soup kitchen, and pray that tensions and hardships will reduce this year. In addition, they have invited us to join their worldwide online prayer support team. If you would like more details please email me john.crossman@btinternet.com and I will forward the link. *John Crossman, FIAC*

The Abbey Shop: The shop now has a fantastic selection of new Pitkin guide books including a hardback book of Queen Elizabeth II. Easter cards are now available and, coming soon, our popular Lent Reflections book. *Phil Prout, Shop Manager*

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Abbey Shop – Staffed hours: Monday - Friday 10.30 am – 3.30 pm; Saturday 10.30 am – 1.00 pm.

Abbey Tours – If you wish to book a tour, please contact the Parish Office.

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